Maritime Development Policy

2744. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Maritime Development Policy;

(b) the details of initiatives undertaken under Maritime Development Policy in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of ports identified for upgradation of infrastructure in ports of Andhra Pradesh under Maritime Development Policy?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The proposed Maritime Policy is under finalization.

NHDP strengthening work

†2745. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount for strengthening work on projects chosen under NHDP within stipulated period by NHAI, is not being sanctioned by Government; and

(b) if so, which amongst NHAI or his Ministry is accountable for poor maintenance of roads during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy conditions by Ministry, through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)/State Public Works Departments/Border Roads Organisation, as the case may be, till the stretch is taken over by contractor/concessionaire.

Charging of toll

2746. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toll roads that are being managed by Government and by contractors; and

(b) whether there is a clause that as agreed upon return on the investment on the road is recovered, charging of tolls should be stopped, especially as cess is also being collected from sale of petrol/diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The number of toll roads that are being managed by Government and Contractors (Public and Private) on National Highways are as follows:—

Managed by Government	—	68
Managed by Contractors	—	32

(b) No, Sir. As per the National Highways (fee for the use of national highways section

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